

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.BASHEER

THURSDAY, THE 12TH JULY 2007 / 21ST ASHADHA 1929

WP(C).No. 17954 of 2007(K)

PETITIONER:

B. AJITHKUMAR,
MAVUNKAL HOUSE, ARAMKALLU,
MANNUTHY P.O., THRISSUR.

BY ADV. SRI.KRB.KAIMAL (SR.)
SRI.ANIL K.NAIR
SRI.B.UNNIKRISHNA KAIMAL
SRI.V.MADHUSUDHANAN
SRI.PRAMJI PAUL VAZHAPPILLY

RESPONDENTS:

THE KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY,
REPRESENTED BY ITS REGISTRAR,
AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY OFFICE,
VELLANIKKARA, THRISSUR.

BY ADV. SRI.RENJITH THAMPAN,SC,KERALA AGRL.UTY

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION
ON 12/07/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:

W.P(C) No.17954 of 2007

Dated this the 12th day of July, 2007.

J U D G M E N T

In May 2000, the Kerala Agricultural University had issued a notification inviting applications from eligible candidates for selection and appointment to the post of Asst. Professor in the Department of Agricultural Meteorology and two other faculties. Petitioner had applied for the post of Asst. Professor in Agricultural Meteorology. It appears that the University could not proceed further with the selection process in view of pendency of a writ petition before this Court. Ultimately it culminated in a writ appeal, which was also dismissed. Grievance of the petitioner is that even after disposal of the writ appeal in the year 2005, the University had not taken any step to complete the selection process.

2. In the counter affidavit filed by the Registrar of the University, it is averred that the Government has now granted permission to proceed with the selection and to make appointment to the post of Asst. Professor in the various faculties. The University is expecting sanction from the Government in respect of the post of Asst. Professor in Agricultural Meteorology very soon. Steps have been already taken in this regard.

3. It is further averred that out of 19 applicants who had responded to Ext.P1 notification for the post of Asst. Professor in Agricultural Meteorology, only 2 were found eligible. It is in contemplation of the University as to whether a fresh notification is to be issued so as to get some more candidates in the zone of consideration without upsetting the right of the petitioner and the

other candidate. Even if a notification is to be issued enough safeguard will be given to the petitioner and the other candidate and their applications will be considered along with the applications, if any, that may be received pursuant to the fresh notification.

4. In view of the above I do not find any reason why the petitioner should have any apprehension in the matter of her right for consideration for selection. However, the University cannot be allowed to procrastinate the matter any further. The University shall ensue that adequate steps are taken to obtain sanction from the Government and selection process is completed as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within 4 months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

Writ Petition is disposed of in the above terms.

A.K. Basheer
Judge.

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